



### MASS TIMES w/c- 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021

**Sunday:** 9.30am & 11.30am  
**Monday:** 9.30am  
**Tuesday:** 9.30am  
**Wednesday:** 9.30am  
**Thursday:** 9.30am  
**Friday:** 10.30am- Funeral  
 (Denis Anthony Leenan)  
**Saturday:** 6pm  
*Church will remain open during the day  
 for private prayer.*

### Contact Information

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### Parish website

Visit our website  
[parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth](http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth)  
 for all weekly updates and

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Until further notice, children's liturgy will  
 be online weekly, via our website.

### REPOSITORY

Open after both Sunday Masses. New  
 products in the Repository information  
 can be found on our website.

# ST ALBAN

Parish Newsletter – 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021  
 + 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**First reading:** Baruch 5:1-9  
**Psalm:** What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we  
 were glad.  
**Second reading:** Philippians 1:4-6; 8-11  
**Gospel:** Luke 3:1-6

### OUR JOURNEY INTO THE ADVENT SEASON

Now that we have begun our journey into the Advent season, thoughts turn to Christmas and an appropriate celebration of it. For many people there is sadness at this time because of missing a loved one who has died. Whether it is the first Christmas without them or many years since they have died, the sense of loss and grief at Christmas rarely diminishes. At a time when families and friends traditionally gather, the sense of what we have lost runs very deep. In our church we ought not to overlook this. Rather we should present them to God and remember to commend their souls to Him who sent His Son to be one with us. This year our Christmas tree will be decorated with cards that bear the names of our loved ones who have died. From this weekend you are invited to come to Our Lady's altar in our church and using the cards provided, write the names of your loved ones who have died. Place the cards in the box provided and they will be attached to our tree the weekend before Christmas. You may write several names on a card, but only use the cards provided, do not make up your own cards or decorations. Then our Christmas tree of light will be a timely expression of faith, joining us to the souls of those who have gone before us "marked with the sign of faith" and to the many saints in heaven who intercede for us.

### CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS

The priest's salary is mostly made up from the collections taken at Christmas and Easter. You can find envelopes at the exit doors of the church that you may wish to bring away as a reminder of this.

### HONOURING SUNDAY

As the Synodal Pathway of listening and discerning unfolds, we the bishops of England and Wales, are paying particular attention to the hopes and fears, the joys and anxieties of all who are sharing their thoughts and feelings with us. Please find full details on our website:

[www.parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth](http://www.parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth)

### MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve 5pm Family Mass (Children are welcome to dress as characters from the nativity scene) and 8pm night Mass. Christmas Day 9.30am and 11.30am. Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December Feast of the Holy Family 9.30am and 11.30am.

### THANK YOU

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Quiz night by coming along, or making a donation. We raised £700 to be divided between the Finchley Food bank and St Joseph's Pastoral Centre.

Parish QR code  
For online donations



## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISMS:

To arrange a baptism please contact Fr Dermot.

### FUNERALS:

It is the normal procedure to first contact your chosen Funeral Director. They will liaise with Fr Dermot.

### Weddings:

Preparation for marriage:  
Six months' notice is required. Please contact Fr Dermot.

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday from 5.15pm

### REGISTRATION IN THE PARISH

Registration forms are available from the porch. Complete and return to the Presbytery. Thank you.

### ST BANABAS FOODBANK

Accepts donations of food each Saturday between 9.30 & 12.30. They are open for those in need on Monday's 12.30-2pm.  
913 High Road, North Finchley.

### NEWSLETTER

If you wish to receive a copy of our weekly newsletter by email, please sign up by using the website e-Alert or, email the parish office to request.



## FINCHLEY FOOD BANK COLLECTION

FINCHLEY FOOD BANK COLLECTION is restarting. Essentials include: pasta, rice, tinned foods, tea, coffee, sugar, toiletries, toilet roll, sanitary towels etc. Christmas treats - cake, mince pies and chocolates. Thank you - the collection box is in the porch. 'Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers, you unto me' Mt 25:46

## THURSDAY CLUB

Our Christmas Party will be held on Thursday, 9 December, 1 - 4pm. We will have a buffet lunch, music by Roy Blass and a prize raffle. Charge £6p.p. All welcome but **booking is essential**. Email [margaret.mcpeake@btinternet.com](mailto:margaret.mcpeake@btinternet.com) or phone 02084457482.

## CONTACTLESS GIVING

There is a device situated in the church porch which enables those who wish to donate in this fashion.

## PARENT & TODDLER

The playgroup is now up and running from **9:45am – 11:15am** on Mondays

## OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL-APPLICATIONS

Applications are invited for Reception Class for September 2022-this is for children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 & 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018. The deadline to return this to the school is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022. The forms are available to download on the school website. Please also be advised that you will need to complete a CAF (Common Application Form) from Barnet, the on-line system is already open. Applications are invited for the **Nursery** for the Academic Year starting September 2022. This is for children born between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 & 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. The deadline to return this to the school office is 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022. Please contact the school office or visit the website for an application pack.

## ST. MICHAELS CATHOLIC GRAMMAR SCHOOL VACANCIES

The Governors are seeking to appoint positions as follows:

School Business Manager

Canteen Assistant

Cover Supervisor Barnet Unified Grade C Max

Posters with full details are at the back of the Church and on our website under the news section: [www.parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth](http://www.parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth)

### MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	David Halpin	RIP
		<b>11:30am</b>	Genevieve Steele	RIP
<b>Monday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Julio Rodrigues Family	RIP
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	Ricky Diamond	RIP
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	Federicka Faria & Jovita Fernandes	RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Joe Regan	RIP
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Funeral Denis Anthony Leenane</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>6pm</b>	Theresa Jones	RIP

**all the recently departed and their loved ones**

Angela Philocratious

**and the faithful departed whose anniversaries occur at about this time:**

John Hogan Caunine Pisano

